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Prodigal Daughter

A Story of three Christmas Eves

BY AUGUSTUS M. HODGES, (B. SQUARE.)

Author of "Fred Jackson's Vow," "Maid and Mistress," "'Twas Not to Be," "Glen Barney," "The Cedar Hill School," "What Happened to Scott?" etc.

CHAPTER I.

CHRISTMAS EVE THE FIRST.

'Twas the night before Christmas 1901, Andrew M. Hicks was fixing the Christmas tree. Mr. Hicks was a widower, his wife had been dead seven years. He had raised his three children—two girls and a boy—until they were twenty, eighteen and twelve, the boy being the oldest.

Sadie Hicks, the oldest daughter, sat at the dining room window in a fret. "Oh! dear me, I'm going to leave this place, its just the same as being in jail."

"Wha't that" her father asked.

"Oh!" she replied, "I was only talking to my self."

"Talking to yourself!" If that's the case you are putting some very bad ideas and notions in your own head, you have no reason to complain about your home or surroundings, few girls in the same walks of life have better and many have worse. You have everything reasonable that you ask for, I don't see why you are not happy and contented, you ——"

"Happy and contented," interrupted the daughter, "who can be happy in this old town, among a lot of cranks, I like to know?" and she walked out of the room before her father had finished.

Andrew Hicks was one of the leading townsmen of the village B—— on Long Island, eighty miles back of the great city of New York. His business (that of a carpenter and house builder) seldom allowed him to visit greater New York and his daughter Sadie, had never been there but a female cousin who visited the Hickes during the summer had told Sadie of the wonders of the great city, its joys and its pleasures until poor Sadie's head was turned. She looked at her cousin's silk and lace dresses (they called them gowns in the city so she was told) then looked at her blue suit and pink skirt, fine enough for a queen. She felt the feeling of discontent grow until it was uncurbable. It had reached this point on the above Christmas eve.

Family prayers at morn and eve were a feature of the Hicks' fireside. The church bells were ringing in the gladsome Christmas when Andrew Hicks called his family together in the little parlor for the usual evening prayer. All responded but Sadie; his aged aunt who was grand mother, mother and housekeeper to and for the family; his "wild oats" but warm hearted son and his overgrown baby daughter.

"Where is sadie, Aunt Catharine?" Hicks asked.

"Why up in her room, I suppose, where do you expect her to be, in New York, Brooklyn or Philadelphia?" reasked the aged aunt.

"Will," the father said, "go up stairs and tell Sadie to come down to the evening prayer."

Will went and soon returned. "She's not up there but here is a note she left for you Pop," said the boy.

Hicks opened and read:

B—— December 24, 1901.

"DEAR FATHER:—I know you will think I am a very bad girl when you read this but the fact of the matter is that life in the country is very slow, I'll never come here again. I can't stand an old great aunt who is cranky, a father who is too strict, a brother who is too bossy and a sister who is a little fool, so good bye forever. Do not be fool enough to try to catch me for when you read this I will be far beyond New York City." Your Daughter,

"Sadie."

The anger of an outraged father flashed into Hicks' eyes. He at once "hiched up" and drove to the telephone station where he sent the facts to the New York City police headquarters with a description of his daughter and the request to arrest on sight upon any charge that would hold her until he could get there.

At the Christmas dinner of the Hickes there was a vacant chair.

CHAPTER II.

THE SECOND CHRISTMAS EVE.

'Twas the night before Christmas, 1902 that Andrew M. Hicks and his wife of three months were in the dining room fixing the last Christmas tree for his youngest daughter, the last one for the family as the days of childhood were over.

The youngest daughter was helping her step-mother to dress the tree. She found in a bureau drawer a pair of wool mits that her older sister wore in the "long, long ago.' She hung them on the tree. Her father came in; he recognized the mits. His memory went out to the Christmas eve that they were bought for his then baby daughter, he reflected. Just then a man passed the house singing "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" He exclaimed aloud: "Oh! where is my daughter?" He fell back in his chair dead to the world for the time being.

The next day at the Christmas dinner there was a vacant chair for the erring Sadie.

CHAPTER III.

CHRISTMAS EVE THE THIRD,

'Twas the night before Christmas, 1903, the storm was the greatest seen in years, so said the oldest citizen of B——. The streets and roads were filled with snow; the night was cold and dark, there was a family reunion that Christmas eve at the house of Andrew M. Hicks, held that night because he was to leave B—— on the morrow for Chicago on important business. Aunt Catherine, the aunt, who was in fact filling the place of a mother, grand mother and great grand mother presided.

There was a knock at the door, Aunt Catherine answered it. She called Hicks aside and said: "Andrew, Sadie is outside with a baby in her arms."

"Let her stay there, she has brought shame and disgrace upon an honorable family; she is dead to me; don't open the door. Let her go back to where she came from."

The old lady heard not his words; she opened the door and let the prodigal daughter in the dining room by the bright grate fire.

The younger sister, tired out by the work of helping, or in fact fixing the Christmas tree, had thrown herself across the sofa and was sleeping the sleep of innocent childhood.

The prodigal daughter gave her infant to her great aunt and kneeling besides her sister she kissed and sobbed aloud: "Oh! my poor sister, what an example I set before you, God bless you and keep you from making the mistakes I have made."

She took her infant and advanced towards her father who stood stoic like with his back to the fire.

"Oh father forgive me, I know ——"

"Stand back, don't come near me, you are dead in my heart, would that you were in the family plot beside your mother, I would turn you out were it not for the poor infant in your arms."

"But father hear my story?" she pleaded.

"I will hear nothing," was his cold reply.

The young woman looked like one mad. She placed the child on the rug before her father and excitedly exclaimed: "Father, you will, you must hear me! I have returned a wiser and better girl. I know what you think. You are mistaken. My child is of honorable birth. He is named after his grand father, Andrew Martin. My husband deserted me two months ago, since then I have worked in boarding houses in Boston to keep baby and myself alive; as I left home two years ago tonight I now return and ask to be forgiven and taken back into heart again."

The old man gave her a cold look but said nothing.

"Do you doubt my word?" she asked.

A cold look was her answer. She pulled from her bosom an envelop:

"Here, father, is my marriage certificate, read it and see with all my faults I did not stoop so low as to lead an immoral life."

The old man took the envelope and slowly opened it, he carefully read the certificate and was satisfied that his grand son was born in wedlock. His heart melted; the prodigal daughter was forgiven.

The next day, Christmas, was a happy one at the Hicks home. They killed the fatted goose.

The above is a true likeness of T. H. Walker, the genial proprietor of Walker's Place, 357 Commerce street, Dallas, Texas. Mr. Walker is a young and progressive business man, a prominent Knights of Pythias and holds a worthy position in the Elks. His many friends votes him these honors. His success is largely due to his ability to put what he knows into practice. A call will convince you.

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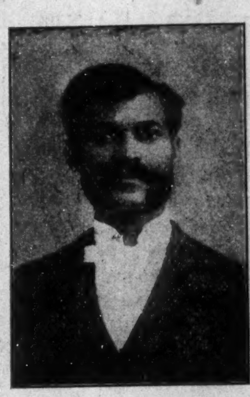

DR. T. W. STEPHENS.

Dr. T. W. Stephens, whose cut appears in this issue of The Freeman, is the organizer of the Young Men's League, which when put into operation will be a mutual benefit to the colored citizens of Maury county. The proposed league is to get up money to make loans to the property holders, in order that those having mortgages on their property may not lose their home. Such an organization would prove very helpful to the property owners of Maury county.—Rev. D. F. Checbzzle, of Africa, was in the city last week.—A drama, entitled "Santa Claus' Honey Moon," was rendered Friday night at St. Paul A. M. E. church.—Rev. J. Q Johnson, P. E., gave a very interesting lecture at the Mt. Lebanon Baptist church Wednesday night.—The Y. M. C. A., has been greatly benfitted by the lectures given by Dr. Stephens and others.—Rev. C. A. Ward, the efficient pastor of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist church, has resigned. The resignation to take place in six months, when he will go to Boston, Mass.—The St. Paul A. M. E. Sunday school's Christmas was well attended.—The agent wishes to thank the subscribers for their patronage.

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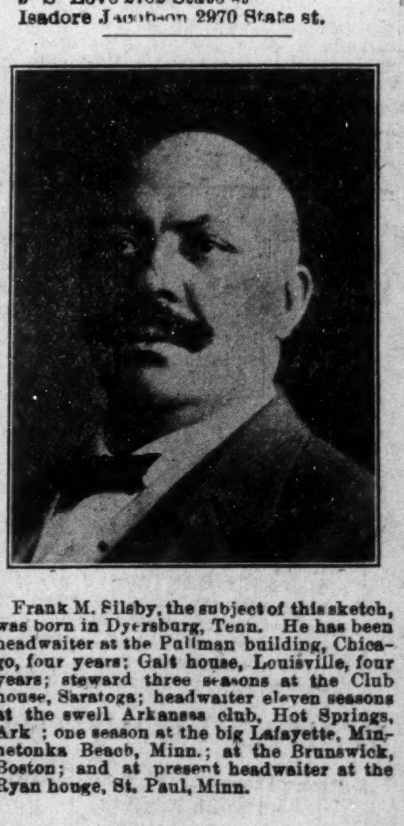

Frank M. Silsby, the subject of this sketch, was born in Dyersburg, Tenn. He has been headwaiter at the Pullman building, Chicago, four years; Galt house, Louisville, four years; steward three seasons at the Club house, Saratoga; headwaiter eleven seasons at the swell Arkansas club, Hot Springs, Ark; one season at the big Lafayette, Minnetonka Beach, Minn.; at the Brunswick, Boston; and at present headwaiter at the Ryan house, St. Paul, Minn.

"LEND ME YOUR EARS."

MR LEWIS WILLIAMS IN DISGUISE:

DEAR SIR:—It is not my pleasure but a deep regret that I am forced to vindicate myself from your most unmerciful and erroneous charge dated December 10, '04 in reply, as I only know you by recommendation like many know me, I know full well that your position in the musical world, your high regard for any man who might request your service your perfect mind and common reason would never permit you to write such a scurrile letter wholly without substance. Now, to prove this I will publish your telegram and letter which reads as follows:

[TELEGRAM]

SELMA, ALA, NOV., 13 '04

MR WM BLUE, ST JOE MO,
Band Master Georgia Minstrels.

DEAR SIR—Offer excepted Send tickets.

Signed WILLIAMS & WALKER

[LETTER.]

WARRENTON GA, DEC., 8 '05.

MR WM BLUE EL PASO TEX.

DEAR SIR:—Yours of a recent date to hand, although I did not get the tickets as I could not tell the agent where you all were. I have just seen in The Freeman where Mr. Fitzgilds was playing clarionet so I decided there was no place for me, but really meant to come. Now, as this show will close January 15 after which I will be in Jacksonville, Fla., I trust to hear from you there.

Yours Respectfully,
LEWIS WILLIAMS

I do not and never will believe that Mr. Williams wrote that letter but the man in disguise did, and I wish to say to him in short that the secret of success, as he claims success, is to mind your own business, for this is a free country and any man is at his own free will. I strictly ask you to keep your fingers out of other people's mail, answer when you are called upon, sell when you're requested, for no one has asked to buy you. I fear it might gratify your pleasure 'Tis thoroughly known that you are black, your letter accounts for that.

As you called it a lesson to me I term it a blunder, for it is void of true principles. As to your statehood you're a novice. 'Tis well for your commencement, no doubt the city is much relieved by your absence.

I sincerely trust these few lines will arouse your dormant sense to erase your name from Harvey Wood's mosy pamphlet and register on the little red book and thus become legitimate. In conclusion, when you desire to write to a certain man spend two cents and address your letters to him. When you wish to write a history of your life never do so in a letter; when you wish to advertise please stick a pin in yourself, purchase a space in this paper and relievd me from being your billboard to advertise upon, for in using me thereby you openly declare hourself a legitimate "hykie."

Now, go bath your sorrows in this world of hope, and let others praise you which will prevent you from staining your hands when throwing flowers on yourself as men are known by their works, thus you are known.

I trust I will not be charged with having said too much but that the above will prove me innocent and move your common judgment to its proper position and finally save you from future blunders. Faithfully Yours in Music.

WM. BLUE
Band Master Georgia Minstrel.

They Say I Am No Gentleman and They Are Honorable Men.

In the offset, I do not like to become personal in matters public, but as my friend Williams has set the pace I will do likewise I was very much amused in reading The Freeman dated Dec. 10, and saw an egotistic write-up by Pat Chappelle (I mean signed by Lewis Williams) with Wm Blue, our bandmaster, and myself as its principal theme. If every one know Mr. Chappelle as I do, and thousands of others who have had dealings with him, I would pass the rubbish over as naught, but as a number who read this valuable paper know not the character of the gentleman I will set them right as to myself, dealing only with facts—pure and simple facts.

So dear readers in and out of the profession, please lend me your ears and understanding in what I say, as I write to praise Chappelle and not censure him for he is an honorable man. The evil we do in life live long after we are gone, but the good is oftimes interred with our bones. The noble gentleman hath told you that I was of the kind that has no regard for myself or any one, and that I am no gentleman or else I would be with their company now. It is a grievous falsehood and grievously I will answer it.

While in Jacksonville, Fla., after leaving Chappelle's company I received a letter signed in his own hand writing, stating they are going to play New Orleans, and if I would join them again he would send ticket and give me back my horn he stole from me.

I am now in the employment of Messrs, Rusco & Holland, who I have worked for before and gives me a recommendation, which appears at close of this article, yet Chappelle and Williams say I am no gentleman and they are honorable men.

The truth of the thing is I am in the profession as a business proposition, and not friendship altogether, and when I think I can better myself I work to that end. As I have been with both companies, I preferred Rusco & Holland as the best, so I notified Mr. Chappelle weeks and weeks before hand. So, when he saw he could not keep me no longer, one night, while the train was on a run, he had his tool, San Tanna, the porter, to call me about 2 o'clock in the morning, while every one else was asleep, to have me come to his state room, and, not thinking, I went with only my trousers on, and while there Mr. Chappelle and his two brothers drew guns on me and said they were tired of my fooling, and I had to get off the train. I pleaded to them to let me get my belongings and wait until I got to next station but it was in vain, so I had to get off at a watering station. A brother stood on each end of the car with a gun, and as the train pulled out they threw my things, all except my horn, out of window to me. The rest of company was unaware of what was going on, yet they say I am no gentleman and they are honorable men.

Then, again, one night a certain gentleman (I will call no names) was asleep on car. I'll admit he was somewhat intoxicated, yet, while in such a condition, Chappelle, the gladiator, ties him hands and feet and beats him with a board. One of the company, a lady in the person of Miss Laura Logan, for the sake of humanity, said, "If this party would stand for such treatment in such a cowardly way he ought to be beaten." Chappelle, hearing of it, put her off without a moment's notice. By the way, that was all right for Chappelle is a friend of the virtuous Williams, and they say I am no gentleman and they are honorable men.

I speak not to disprove what they say, but here I am to write what I do know—nothing but facts, facts, facts.

In reading over the Chappelle-Williams rot it makes me think, "O, judgment, thou art fled to brutish beasts and men have lost their reason."

Mr. Williams need not be sorry of the opinion I have formed of him, for if he wrote the article that appeared in the issue of Dec. 10th then he wrote a falsehood in one way or the other for Mr. Blue has a letter from Mr. Williams, in his own handwriting, just the opposite to what appeared in paper.

Again, Williams says I am not his friend, nor have ever been. I was the more deceived for, indeed, he made me believe so.

I think I spoke a little too hasty about Mr. Williams, for, if the truth was known, I don't think the said article was written by his own free will and consent.

From facts it is a policy of Mr. Chappelle when he has a valuable person whose place is hard to fill, when he least expects, they are corresponding with other managers, or going to leave his company he (Chappelle) opens their mail first and read the contents. As I said before, I am dealing with facts and known facts alone and not from hear say. While I was in his employment, some time ago, Mr Lash Gideon, manager of Nashville Students, sent me a telegram, although the message was addressed to me, Chappelle opened it, and after reading it brought it to me opened, and claimed he thought it was for him. So, kind readers, any one that can read, in seeing an addressed envelope— Amos Gilliard—would you mistake it for Pat Chappelle? Allow me to state it was not in care of Chappelle nor the company either, yet they say I am no gentleman and they are honorable men.

So in conclusion, allow me to dwell on the three reasons Mr. Williams gives for not wanting to leave Mr. Chappelle. Of course Williams is his own boss, and can travel with whom he can get a position without giving any reason, but should they be called to question the ones he advances are like a house on a sandy foundation—will soon crumble and fall. So I will advise him to give up the old fogy ideas and look on the professton from a business standpoint, building your house on a foundation of rocks so it will be more able to stand, and because a man is a black man that is no reason you should stay with him when you could better yourself some where else. I have recommended a number of people to Mr. Chappelle, and through my influence they are with his company. So have I spoken to Mr Blue about others I know.

Reason No. 2 Although you alone have always found Chappelle to be a gentleman, also myself and every one who have had dealings with Messrs Rusco & Holland have found them to be gentlemen. They can take their company in any city in the Union and we are treated the same, yet this same Chappelle, whom you have always found a gentleman, at his home town in Tampa, Fla, when his brother was arrested and fined $1,000 and given six months in jail, Chappelle, who has acted such a gentleman, was not allowed in the city to see about his brother, and still they say I am the one that is no gentleman and they are honorable men.

Reason No. 3 In regards to you learning with that company; in first place a company is no school. I must say Messrs. Rusco & Holland has picked up and put into show business more colored performers than any manager known to the profession, why even up to the present day anyone, no matter who and where they are from if they make known their request they are given a trial. Even in the show if any one think they can do something for an advancement Mr. Powell, our stage manager, is always too glad to give them a trial for he encourages it among the boys. Every season for the past ten or fifteen years when reading over the roster of the Georgia minstrel the first question asked is who is such and such a person, team or trio So, Mr Williams you are mistaken when you say Messrs Rusco & Holland would not pick you up, for they are picking your kind up every day, and if they show any ability they are given a chance.

So, in the future Mr Chappelle, I mean Williams, remember the old adage: "Think twice and speak once," and "Be sure you are right then go ahead." Such are the ones that say I am no gentleman and I must say they are honorable men.

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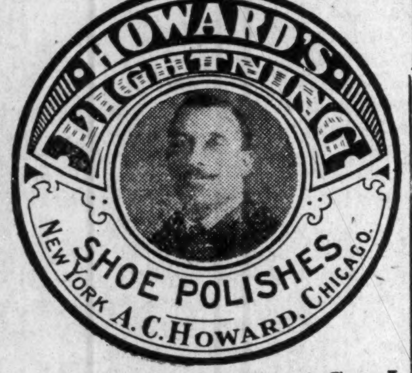

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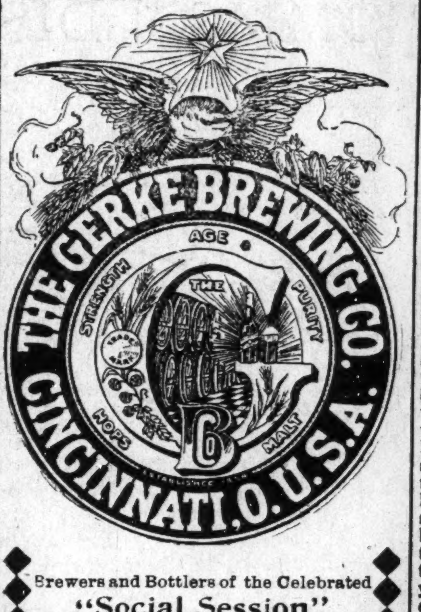

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A LADY of New Iberia, La.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17. 1902.

Madame McNairdee, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Dear Madame.—Your letter like a ray of sunshine, came duly to hand and I am very pleased with it, for every word of it were true, I am sorry that I did not write to you months ago. I enclose $6.00 for your service, hoping that you may be successful in bringing about desired results. I feel quite sure that you can. I am very sorry to hear of your being ill, and sincerely hope your speedy recovery.

Molino, Fla., Nov. 14, 1902.

Madame:—You are the proper person in the proper place. All that you say is true and all you do is good. May God bless you.

F. J.

Guntersville, Ala., Oct. 26, 1902.

I tried Mme. McNardee and find that she is well up to her profession. She will tell things to come, and they will come as predicted. It will pay people to try her who want to know many things in the future.

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A LADY of Fort Gibson, Ind. T.

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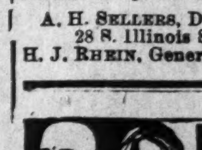

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It is recommended that waiters wear the following uniform viz :

For Breakfast—White jacket, buttoned all the way up; black pants, vest and black bow tie and white apron

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For Luncheon—Black jacket, white vest and black bow tie; no apron.

For Dinner—Full dress suit and white bow tie.

Scrupulously clean white shirt, cuffs and collar must be worn at all times.

A uniform comprising black pants, vest, jacket and black bow tie may be used during breakfast, dinner and supper in hotels where the above uniforms are not required.

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ARRANGEMENT OF WATCHES.

The morning watch should report for duty at least half hour before it is time to open the dining room for early breakfast.

The duty of the morning watch is to sweep and dust the dining room, let in fresh air, and set up the room, having everything ready when the time comes to open for early meals.

On the morning watch are waiters known as "job men." Their duty is to trim the peppers and salts, fill the vinegar cruets, wipe off casters, arrange finger bowls and do other little things that are to be done in hotels.

In small hotels where there is not a second waiter on the floor, the "Captain" of the morning watch will open the door for early meals and remain in charge until relieved by the headwaiter.

The morning watch is off when the main dining room closes, or soon thereafter.

The "off" and "on" watches come on at same time, that is, when the main dining room opens for regular breakfast. When the dining room is closed the on watch will go into ordinary and serve late breakfasts, while the off watch sweep, dust, change cloths and set up the main dining room for dinner.

After late breakfast is over and dining room properly set up the watch is off, leaving the "close watch" on duty. He is to remain on duty in dining room, filling any orders that may be sent him from the office. No article is to be given or carried out of the dining room without a written order from the office or notifying the office of same.

The close watchman is to make rounds of the halls for trays and dishes, cut bread for dinner, and do various things that are assigned to him.

The close watchman should be let off from a half to one hour earlier than the other waiters, and in some hotels come on duty a half hour later the next morning.

Each day watch has its own "Captain," who, if he is the right man for the place, will have the respect of his men and they will readily obey him.

THE GOOD WAITER'S REWARD.

"New York has undoubtedly the very best specimens of the genus waiter," said the manager of one of the big hotels. "In that, as in all other things, we are cosmopolitan, and we number the best waiters on our lists. Very few of them, though, have the opportunities that made many other waiters rich in a few years while working in some of the great restaurants of Paris," says the Sun.

"Waiters have many more opportunities to rise to higher positions in this country than they have abroad. Good headwaiters abroad often receive royal gifts in the way of money, but in America a headwaiter or any waiter who pleases one of our railroad or stock exchange magnates is quite apt to receive valuable tips that enable him to speculate to advantage. In some cases recently waiters have been rewarded by patrons with trips abroad, legacies and other important favors.

"The French waiter, like the old English type of waiter and the Southern darky waiter celebrated in story, has become almost extinct. There are some French waiters in the great hotels abroad and a few here, but the Austrians and Swiss are the most plentiful here, as they are on the other side.

"They abound on the Continent, and over in Ireland there are no Irish waiters to speak of in the big restaurants, but all are French, so called and so described in the hotel circulars, but in reality they hail from Austria and Switzerland.

"They are extremely raw and a little bit stupid, but after the schooling which all waiters must go through nowadays before they are beginners, they lack a great many of the principal faults which make a bad waiter unbearable.

"Awkwardness is really a slight fault in a waiter. Absolute cleanliness, sobriety, a respectful manner, and intelligence in taking orders as they are given are the first requisites.

"A slow, impertinent or intrusive waiter is not to be endured by the class of people that patronize the dining room of a good hotel, but a degree of familiarity is permitted in some of the chop houses where Irish waiters are employed that is rather startling to one unaccustomed to that particular manner from a waiter.

"Oddly enough, with this fault usually in evidence, Irish waiters when they are good are among the best. They are particularly fortunate in the chop houses frequented by sporting men, getting tips on the races that often come out all right.

"In good hotels waiters make a great deal in tips from persons whom they serve well. Americans tip as a general thing more liberally than any other people.

"A day's tips during the luncheon hour in the restaurants of the fashionable Fifth avenue hotels will leave a waiter paid for his work by 4 o'clock. Even when women are the principal patrons there are tips. This is one of the innovations that the new woman has adopted.

"The school of waiters which was begun in one fashionable hotel some seasons ago is now the rule at all important houses. A waiter is drilled and rehearsed and his ability determined before he is allowed to take his place in the dining room.

"Waiters are apt to be honest in good hotels for the reason that under the systems now in use they will be immediately detected if they are otherwise. The value of a good place is worth a great deal more to a man than anything he could steal.

"In many of the summer and winter resorts waitresses have displaced men in the dining rooms of hotels, but this rule would never do in New York, although women hold such places in the dairy restaurants and lunch rooms now where men used to be employed Women are apt to be neat and quick, and they do not demand nor expect the tips that a man waiter wants.

"Waiters graduate frequently into other walks of life, but they are born gamblers many of them and go into speculation on too large a scale. They will open restaurants of their own that often prove failures, and then they drift back to the old positions.

"There are waiters in some of the big hotels associated very closely with the nation's politics within the last few years whose reminiscences would fill a volume of exceeding interest. In their observation of notables they seem to get at a very human side of their characters and one that is not usually in the limelight of publicity.

"There are only a few of these men still in service, for it is amazing the way in which a popular and faithful waiter can accumulate a small fortune by saving money. This sort of waiter saves rather than gambles, and the sums that he wins in stocks are practically presents, as the men through whom the money is made put up the original capital and the waiter cannot lose in any case.

"Despite the many humorous allusions to the handsome waiter they are as a class anything but good looking. Undersized men are very apt to drift into the calling, or men with some blemish in build—a shoulder out of gear or an eye wrongly set in the head. These men begin young and gain such good reputations that it is impossible to refuse them places because of any physical imperfection.

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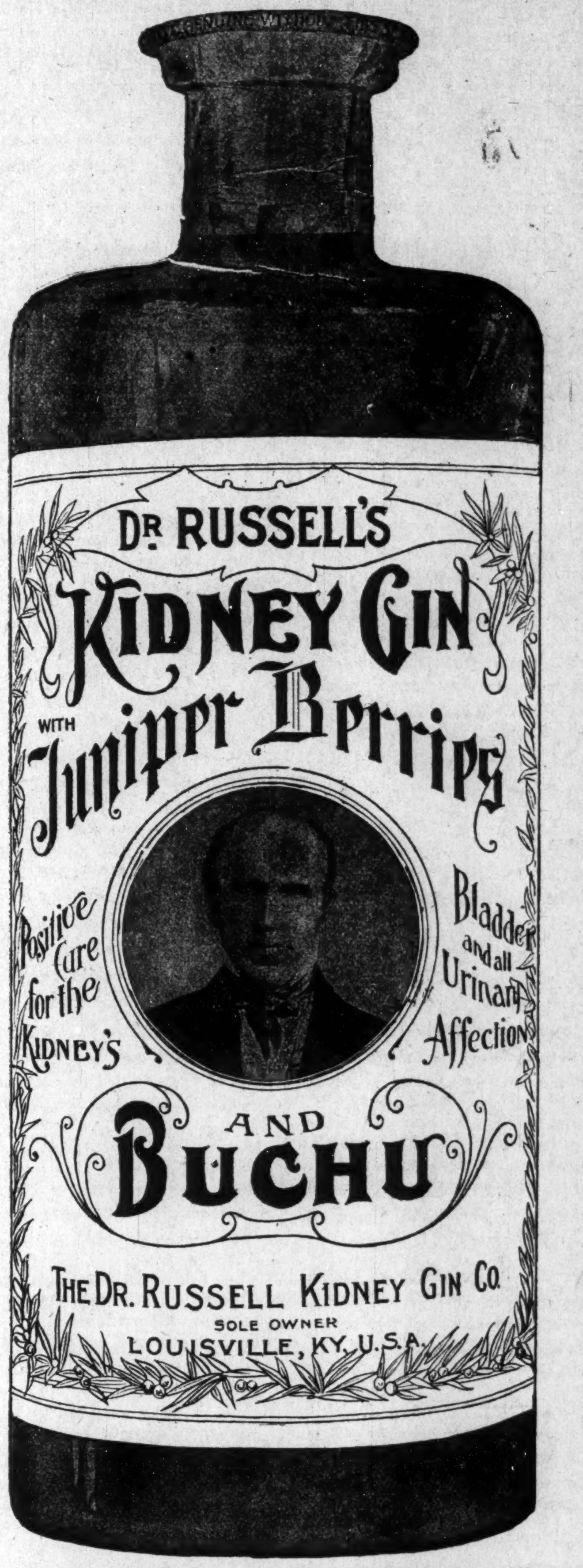

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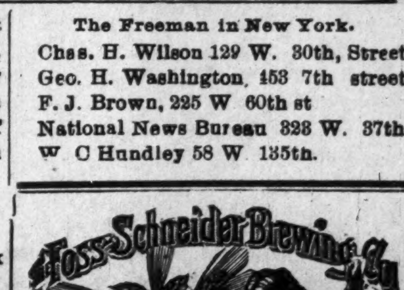

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AS TO NEGRO LEADERS.

The Washington Bee devotes a column to addresses before the Second Baptist Lyceum at the National capital, last Sunday, the principal speaker being Prof. Jesse Lawson. The planet of the latter was that the Negro race has no leaders or worse than none, his statement being that "Negro leadership was the most humiliating and sycophantic that now exists." We will not here go into the general question, but wish to enter an emphatic protest against the effort of Mr. Lawson and others at this meeting to throw discredit on Booker T. Washington. "Because a man may be close to the President," said this complainant, "Negroes naturally conclude that he is a leader." At this point the Bee's reporter interjects this remark: "The presumption was that he was referring to Booker Washington." This is all very far-fetched, not to say stupid. Mr. Washington's "closeness" to the President is certainly not sufficient of itself to entitle him to the claim of leadership. But does Prof. Lawson wish to intimate that it is discreditable to any man to have the confidence and respect of the President, especially of such a President as Theodore Roosevelt? As a matter of fact, Mr. Washington is "close to" and enjoys the respect of all the eminent public men of the nation. He is "close to" Grover Cleveland, Carl Schurz, Andrew Carnegie, President Elliott of Harvard and every other man, high and low, capable of recognizing true worth and reliability. Such a position was certainly not obtained without being deserved; it is never accorded to any man without distinguished merit.

It is a little late in the day to be questioning either the actual fact of Booker T. Washington's leadership or his just right to enjoy such a title. He has long been recognized as one of the greatest leaders of men produced by this generation and one of the greatest in this world's history. Nor is this leadership confined to his own race. It embraces all of mankind without any distinction of creed or color. He is just as welcome as an adviser of white audiences as of black ones, and the proudest men of the Union delight to honor and listen to this great friend and benefactor of the human race. Nor is it true, but conspicuously false, that Booker Washington has gained his influence and prominence by cringing or fawning. He is one of the most modest and unpretentious of men. In no sense an office broker or an office seeker; he has no official favors to ask of the powers that be and devotes all the energies of his great mind and heart to educating and uplifting not only his own people, but all people. The great institute he has built up at Tuskegee is one of the wonders of the world, a model which the proudest educators of the world are glad to imitate and profit by. We hardly have the heart to enlarge on the question, though we could say much more. It is astonishing, it is humiliating, that at a gathering of Negroes at the capital of the nation, hours of time and thousands of words should be expended in casting slurs upon this noble, unselfish and unequalled benefactor of his State, his race and his native country.

LIMITATION OF THE SUFFRAGE.

In discussing the question of Southern disfranchisement, it is important that the Negro press and all concerned should not confuse the issue. There is no objection to any State passing laws to confine suffrage to the intelligent and worthy. Every State in the Union would be benefitted by depriving ignorance and criminality from the right to vote. No man who cannot read is fit for the suffrage. No man who sells or buys a vote, who cheats the government, debauches the ballot or lives by crime should be allowed to take any part in governing the people. One of the greatest of crimes is that against an honest suffrage and to eliminate all who are guilty of this offense would be a distinct step towards better things. Look at Colorado, where the so-called "respectable element" are engaged in stealing a governorship after being defeated at the polls. Look at the revelations of rascality in that State, including every possible crime against the ballot and involving both men and women. Look at Kentucky counting out a fairly elected governor four years ago and stealing the office to which the people had fairly elected him. Look at Missouri, where "Ed" Butler confesses he has been stealing the elections in St. Louis for thirty years. We have had much of the same villiany in Indiana, and the electoral corruptions of New York and Philadelphia are notorious.

The true complaint against the Southern States is not that they exclude the ignorant, but that they make a distinction on account of race and politics. If they would make their laws apply to all alike and see that they affected only the unworthy and incompetent, no one would have a right to complain. None but honest and reasonably intelligent citizens should be allowed to vote. All those high-toned gentry who buy the ignorant and venal, and otherwise corrupt the ballot, should be excluded from the right to vote or hold office. This would catch some "eminent statesmen" right here in Indianapolis and not a few in every county of the State. All the political corruption is not confined to the Southern States, but we are willing to admit that that section has a little more than its share.

TWENTIETH CENTURY BARBARISM.

President Roosevelt and his Secretary of the Navy justify their demand for more battleships on the ground that the best assurance of peace is to be prepared for war. This is the old sophism that has done duty for the advocates of war ever since governments were instituted for the misgovernment of men. It sounds plausible, but when analyzed closely is found to be only one of those half truths that are worse than absolute falsehoods. The same argument will justify all men in carrying deadly weapons, yet we know that fights and murders are much less apt to occur when none go armed. The way to have peace is to be peaceful; to treat all other nations with absolute fairness and carry on all dealings in the spirit of fraternity. Kindness breeds kindness, just as anger and aggression provoke retaliation.

Manifestly, if all the nations of the world should agree to disband their armies and dismantle their navies, it would be the greatest step towards permanent peace since Christ enunciated his prohibition of war as a condition precedent to becoming fit for His heavenly kingdom. It is an insult to intelligence to keep on repeating the old barbarous maxim, quoted above, as a justification for these huge armaments and the murderous machines of war. Where is the thing to stop? How big is our navy to grow before peace is assured as the result of preparation for war? Does it never occur to these builders of navies that what the world needs is a merchant marine, the ships of peace and not those of war? Instead of spending $41,000,000 next year for more battleships, how would it do to put that money into vessels to carry the productions of peace, thus giving employment to thousands of people in gainful industry instead of the wasteful idleness of service in army or navy. War is barbarism! Peace is civilization. One means hatred, angry passions, destruction of life and property. The other means industry, prosperity, happy homes, well-fed multitudes, progress and national wealth. Is it not sickening to see, in this season devoted to the celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace, every "Christian" ruler of the world begging his congress or parliament for more millions to increase standing armies and navies for the purpose of carrying on that wholesale murder known as war?

The South can solve all of its "problems" easily as follows: Pass just laws, applying equally and exactly alike to every man living within the State's limits; let these be rigidly enforced against or in favor of every one alike; if they want to prohibit ignorant men from voting, very well, but let this apply to all ignorant men; if a property qualification is desired, or payment of taxes, or other such regulation, there is no objection, so no favoritism is shown; make it as easy for one man to register as another; furnish similar school privileges to all children; give equal transportation facilities and accommodations to all; punish all lynchers with death, whether the one lynched be black or white; call out all the constabulary, if necessary, and all the militia to protect the humblest man in his rights. Do these things and no man will complain and every Negro will so love his State and its laws to be ready to surrender his life in their defense.

The colored man is a part and parcel of the South. He has assisted in making the South what it is to-day. Many of his number are large property holders and are captains of industry. He is of a class of citizens not inimical to the best interest of this section and country. Thus he is to be counted strongly as a part of the South. The South cannot consistently be reckoned without him. It is, therefore, out of place for the assertion to be made whenever the President recognizes a colored man that it is a stab at the South.—Savannah (Ga.) Tribune.

All of which is so true that it seems strange that any one should deny it. The South should not consider itself insulted when the Negroes receive some recognition due to their proportionate numbers and influence. As long as only the honest and deserving citizen is rewarded there is "no kick coming" to anybody.

The Colorado Statesman, in a strong article, refutes the oft-repeated sneer that the Negroes "have too many leaders and too few followers." They have, indeed, too few followers, urges the Statesman, but none too many leaders. If the latter were properly backed in their efforts to defend the race when wronged, much more could be done. A leader is powerless unless he has others to assist. A general can do nothing without an army or the captain without a company. Men who submit to to wrongs, who fail to protest publicly against injustice, invite a repetition of these outrages by their cowardice. A man should be ready to fight and die for his rights.

Col. Harry B. Smith is off to Washington armed with a petition signed by his army of precinct committeemen, was an imposing spectacle viewed from the machine politician's standpoint, but not so convincing when looked at in the light of the merit system. The postmaster at Indianapolis is to be appointed by the President, who is known not to have a very exalted idea of parceling out the offices as rewards for questionable political work. He will be apt to consult disinterested citizens of Indianapolis as to the standing of applicants. What is wanted is not a machine politician, but a business man who has the respect as well as the confidence of the patrons of the office.

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Rev. John W. Robinson, the able and deserving pastor of St. Marks Church, Chicago, celebrated his thirty-fifth birthday anniversary Dec. 6. The Freeman joins the many friends of this highly respected colored divine in wishing him many returns and a long continuance in the good work he has been doing for his congregation and people.

The Freeman notes with pleasure the progress of the colored people in Hamilton, Ohio. This is a beautiful city, and the colored people there are not only a credit to that city, but to the whole State of Ohio. The Thursday Night Club, composed of some of the best citizens, is a prominent organization. They surely understand the art of entertaining.

We regret to learn of the illness of Hon. T. Thomas Fortune, editor of the New York Age. Mr. Fortune, who had been visiting for two or three weeks in Charleston, W. Va., returned to his home in Red Bank, N. J., December 12th quite ill and is now receiving daily attention from the doctor.

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There will be no legislation by this congress on the race question. We will have to wait until next winter and perhaps much longer.

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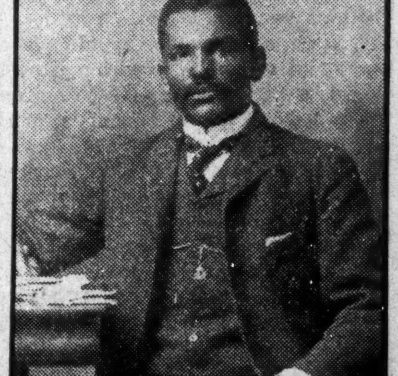

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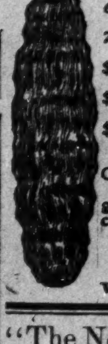

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Hi Jerry Barnes writes that his World's Fair engagement was a great success. He is now visiting Will Page at Hot Springs, Ark. Regards to the profession.

D. W. Adams of Daytona, Fla., writes that he will open his show, "Down in Georgia Rag Time Comedy company and Pickinninny Cake Walkers," Dec. 24 with Dorsey Adams as manager. Dan English has joined the company for the season.

The Prices, Ed. and Ludell, have closed their three weeks engagement in Savannah, Ga. They filled a three nights engagement in Woodville, Ga., this week after which they will fill a weeks return engage in Beaufort, S. C. They send regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

M. W. Daniels writes.—I am now with the Nonpareil Jubilee Singers, who are traveling under the Inter-State Lecture Bureau. The roster of the company is as follows: Daniel Brown, manager and 1st tenor; Edward Goodban, 2d tenor; Mrs. Anna Acklen, 1st soprano; Shirley Evans, 2d soprano; Ellanette Hamilton, contralto; M. W. Daniels, basso; H. T. Jackson, basso; Cora L. Jeffries, accompanist.

Notes from A Rabbit Foot Co.—Joe Miller, our little tuba player, has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, but is greatly improved and able to be out again. He would like to hear from Wm. Thomas and Amos Gaillard. Happy Howe is still changing up and leaves them screaming every night. We are drifting nearer home, and a lot of the boys are wishing for the 18th, when they will be in the city by the sea.

P. J. Lowery has joined hands with Prof. W. A. Kelley of Pittsburg, Pa. Besides being director and leader of Kelly's famous band and orchestra Prof. Kelly has won the hearts of the people of Pittsburg as a teacher of music. Prof. Kelly has the most complete studio owned and controlled by Negroes in the United States and he engaged Mr. Lowery to direct his band of thirty pieces and to assist him in the teaching in the studio. After the band has arrived to a satisfactory point to Mr. Lowery he will publish the roster.

Notes of Billy Kersands Minstrel Co.—After making a few big stands in Louisiana we are finishing up the Lone Star state.—E. J. Burton, a new ballad singer, joined the company recently and is making good. Mr. and Mrs. Kersands send their best regards to the Mallory's.—Sam Burns and Simmons please write.—Marsh Craig says Xmas gift to all.—J. A. Watts sends his best to the Mallorys and also would like to hear from them.—Blaine S. Gaiten sends regards to all Indianapolis friends, wishing them success. Gaiten says he will appear in their midst in April.—Angelo Housley says hello, George Bailey.

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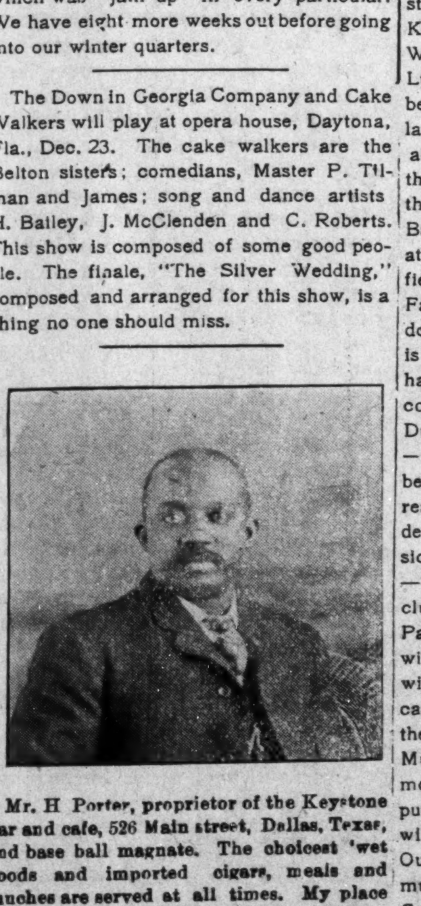
Notes of Frank Mahara's Minstrel.—We have been out since August 1, playing to good business through the states of Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Missouri. This is the easiest show to work with that we have ever been identified with, our manager seems to think that he can never do enough to make it pleasant for his people. Fines are a thing unknown.—James Haines, late band master of W. A. Mahara's minstrel, has joined the company.—The Head Brothers are one of the most conspicuous features of our elaborate parade.—The great stick trio are making the hit of their life.—Robert Leach sends regards to Kersands and Rusco & Holland Companies.

Notes of a Rabbit's Foot Comedy Co.—Our baggage car, containing tents, seats, lights, etc., was entirely consumed by fire on December 10 at Warrenton, Ga. Mr. Chappell moved the company into Augusta, Ga., and the telegraph wires began to work lively, in less than two days over $50 was spent in telegrams snd we were able to resume work after a loss of less than one week. This is the quickest recovery on record, considering that the new tent had to come from Cincinnati, uniforms from Philadelphia and lights from New York. We now have everything new. The railroad company made satisfactory settlement. We are now on our route only a few days behind our original route. Mr. Chappelle is being complimented on every side for his fast actions. While in Augusta we had the pleasure of meeting the Smart Set Co., and witnessing their performance which was "jam up" in every particular. We have eight more weeks out before going into our winter quarters.

The Down in Georgia Company and Cake Walkers will play at opera house, Daytona, Fla., Dec. 23. The cake walkers are the Belton sisters; comedians, Master P. Tilman and James; song and dance artists H. Bailey, J. McClenden and C. Roberts. This show is composed of some good people. The finale, "The Silver Wedding," composed and arranged for this show, is a thing no one should miss.



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A Rabbit Foot Co.—Savannah, Ga., Dec. 26; Jesup, 27; Waycross, 28; Albany, 30; Camilla, 31.

Billy Kersands Minstrels.—Marshall, Tex., Dec. 26; Shreveport, La., 27; Monroe, 28; Port Gibson, Miss., 29; Natchez, 30; Jackson, 31.

Frank Mahara's Big Minstrels Co.—Perry, Ia., Dec. 26; Maxwell, 27; Woodward, 28; Adel, 29; Dallas Center, 30; Stuart, 31.

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He paused before one little home,
His lonely heart so sad,
For years he'd done naught else but roam;
No Xmas day he'd had.

Within the house he paused before
A little group of three
Were gaily seated round the fire
Close by a Xmas tree.

Their little youngsters' eyes were bright,
He clapped his hands so gay,
The trouper stood there lost in dreams,
His thoughts were far away.

'Twas Xmas day he had to work;
No home could he invade;
He brushed a tear, looked at his watch,
'Twas time for his parade.

—J. ED. GREEN.

Clermonts's Weekly Dots.

At this writing the city is somewhat quiet.—Abbie Mitchell and her four assistants, of whom I could recognize was Muril Ringgold, Maggie Taylor and Mattie Brown were special feature at Proctor's Twenty-third street theatre the past week.—George Williams, Bessie and Alice Gilliam have joined hands as a trio and are booked over Poli's circuit. They appear good.—McKissick & Shadney have returned from Perth Amboy, N. J. They are at the Atlantic Garden this week.—The Metropolitan quartet will be at the Harmony club tonight. Jim Hunt is the popular manager.—Our popular tenor, Clarence Bowen, is very sick with pleurisy. We hope for his recovery.—J. Walker gives his ball December 26, Brooklyn. It promises to be a winner.—Smith & Bowman are at Proctor's One hundred and twenty-fifth street theatre; Frank DeLyon and his Drummer quartet are at Proctor's Fifth avenue theatre; Abbie Mitchell and her Southerners play a return date at Proctors' Twenty-third streee; Brandow & Wiley at Gothman's theatre, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Third avenue; the Watermellon Trust is at Dewey's Fourteenth street; Margaret Scott, sopranoist, is at Keith's; the Hills at Brooklyn; Slater & Williams are headliners at Toledo; Tony Lucas is on the sick list; Baby Ruth will be a special feature this week at McFarland's Harlem hall. She has been enteraining the Vanderbilts and Belmonts and the Waldorf Astora with Etta M. Clermont, the queen of coon shouters.—Rastus & Banks write that they were well received at Liverpool. From there they go to Sheffield, England. They report that Billy Farrell, J. Hedge and Billy English are doing nicely in Liverpool.—Dahomey Co. is reported to be near its close at Birmingham, Englend—Harry Brown, the singing comedian, will soon sail across the pond.—Dude Foster's club is gaining in popularity.—Hogan, the Unbleached American, is being humored as a new born baby, for reasons best known to himself by the Vanderville association.—Shadney & McKissick will be at the Palace garden next week.—Cousins & Humphry are at the Progress club.—Musicians for Clermont's band for Paris will get contracts in due time. I will turn band over to the best man as I will, no doubt, stay in America. I do not care to travel just now, but I am booking the big band just the same.—The Attucks Music Publishing Co., Shepperd N. Edmonds, the popular author, manager, are putting out hits for the new year. They will announce a bunch of good songs soon. Our race should push their songs and music. Orchestra leaders send for "Squee Gee."—Charlie Smith, the able mixologist of the new Douglass club, sends regards to the club.—Jenkins, the wire walker, is on Broadway.—Bailey & Fletcher are creating a roar of laughter at the Yorkville theatre.—The concert at McFarland's hall, financially was big. Crowded house twice. Show a frost; no management. The Gary society would not consent for the juvenile performers to work. Committee left parts undone in order to sell tickets over the accommodation of the house. If a fire or a cry of fire had occurred a panic would of been the result. It was a disgusting affair.—Harry Brown, Smith & Bowman, the Golden-gate quintette and Charley Moore are the big acts doing nothing at this writing.—Party that asked for music, kindly state name or write me care this paper, or to my address.

Little Lorraine Marsh Craig, daughter of Marsh Craig, contortionist, now with the famous Billy Kersands' minstrels. She was born in the city of Chicago, January 1, 1904, being eleven months old, and a New Year's present that we won't forget. She and her mother returned from New Orleans last Friday, where they spent a week with her papa and grandpa.

LORRAINE MARSH CRAIG.

DIVORCE LEGAL.

James T. Williamson vs Carrie Belle Williamson	State of Indiana, Marion Co.,ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion Co., In the State of Indiana. No. 13700 Complaint for Divorce,

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 25th day of Nov. 1904, the above named plaintiff, by his attorney, filed in the office of the Clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant Carrie Belle Williamson and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Carrie Belle Williamson is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 18th day of February, 1905.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said Court said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her and that unless she appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 18th day of February, 1905 the same being the 12th judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in February, 1905 said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in her absence.

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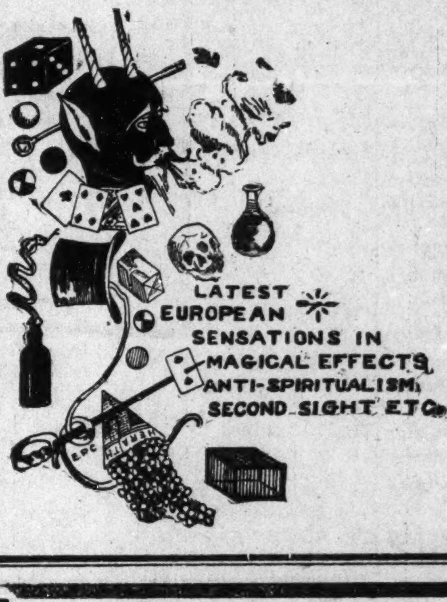

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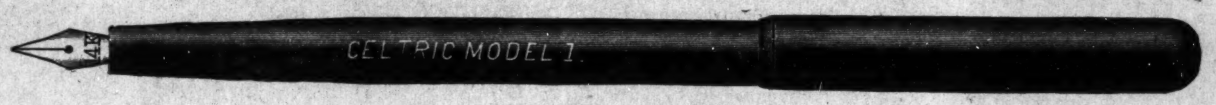

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Annual Stage Review.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

From Christmas to Christmas we have been striving along through peradventure toward the nucleus of light. Dark was the pathway that led us from eden bower of lustful ignorance, through tangible thrushes, through canopies of sham and bewilderment in to the light of education, intelligence and fame. We are swiftly gliding along into the fifth annual avenue of the days of modern adventures. These years of our generation of the twentieth century belong to the foundation of our racial success in performances of coming centuries.

We bid adieu to the days of slavery but not to the value of their relation to stage traditions. Our traditional aim must ever be based upon the songs of hope that flowed from the slave cabin door. The buck of the dark skinned dancing goblin, the voice of the religeous meeting house mother, the natural-gifted rag-time guitar, banjo and piano fakir, the very aged old darkey who is so much over-did but never half done and wicked, bad fellow, the minstrel man and the man of brains must all be carefully developed and kept in constant practice if we desire to attain and retain our majority of proportionate foothold on the American stage.

In sustaining the will of the people our reward must not be supplimented with a case of big head or a disposition to ignore our more humble associates Report comes from New York—and everything indicates elsewhere—that actors have made great strides in the past year in deportment, scholarship and unionism.

THE REVIVAL OF JUBILEE.

The jubilee singers are waning. Old time jubilee should speedily be revived. That these sweet molodies of the most original music of the colored race should die is a merciless pity. Think of the debt of gratitude we owe to the sufferings of the slave mothers whose grief and pain originated the very music of this country, the folk song of America. Now, in resurrecting this music companies should be organized in differen portions of the country and tours of the smaller cities would awaken a new interest in the new generation of white people who have never heard jubilee singing. Jubilee must not die. It is the only savior of a music that must be developed into a higher grade of schooling than rag-time. No white person can sing it and all their singers of this generation will be trying to undertake it if we once more keep it in practice. It can be introduced in comedy with agility and be legitimate. Voelckel & Nolan could introduce it in the Troubadours and it could go into vandeville and score heavily. It could even play havoc with rag time.

In modernizing this new theory of resurrecting jubilee singing for the professional stage I wish to say that the use of smutty words like "nigger" and the sacred name of the Deity in comics should be abolished. It would be a wise plan for troupes or choruses not to consist of more than twelve people or less than five and I avow their efforts would be fruitful. I might suggest that in small town shows other branches of music and solos could be utilized but in comedy and vaudeville turn.

Shepard N. Edmonds, who seems to have come very near to jubilee in his rag-time compositions could now devote his efforts to this music. It would not be a bad idea for the "Female Drummer" quartette to use a jubilee song. Frank DeLyons was originally a jubilee basso and Phil Portlec, Collins and Tucker were, no doubt, alive when jubilee singing was yet in service. With these few remarks let us all give jubilee a new resurrection.

NEW DEVELOPMENTI OF MUSIC

Keen with expectation the American white people have been looking for the undeveloped theme of folklore music which white musicians have failed to treat successfully. Coleridge Taylor, the most eminent genius of black composers whose reputation reaches every land has cultivated two grades of music namely: The Indian tonation and Negro melodies, and developed them in the highest branch of mixed musical art. But Mr. Taylor, they say, is not and does not claim to be American so his color only makes him of importance over here.

Some of the late triumphs for American Negroes in a lighter class of music to be sure but in their own race development was achieved by Will Marion Cook who wrote all the music for the "Southerners" and Robert Cole, Rosamond Johnson and James W. Johnson who supplied nearly all the music for Klaw & Erlanger's spectacular imported pantomine comedy "Humpty Dumpty." Mr. Cole is the one star actor composer of his race whose luster brightens with time. He modestly claims his exalted position only through endorsments by critics that he is foremost among actors of his race. He in three qualities. He, with Billy Johnson, was the first legitimate comedy star besides being a record breaking composer of rag-time songs and the greatest of all Negro comedy playwrights or even "botchworkers." With his co-workers, the two Johnson brothers, a very happy family, they are ever busy in their New York studio composing new lyrics and music. This is the reason why Mr. Cole is forever undecid- whether to star in comedy or not, for writing songs and appearing in vaudeville with a big reputation pay him best. While Mr. Coook's compositions are clever and musical they are all of one tone development and bid fair to be eclipsed by Cole and the Johnsons who have received one grand favorable verdict—all their music had a variety of tone and coloring. The success of "Big Indian Chief," an Indian song, earlier in the season was another scoring card. They had succeded in turning out a song developed exclusively from the indian school of war dance music without the admixture of rag-time. So, white composers must frankly admit they're defeated.

THE PROGRESS OF COMEDY.

Contrary to circumstances the Negro comedy producers have at last made an effort to give their plays legitimately.

The crowning event of the season was the return of Williams & Walker from abroad with a revised edition of "In Dahomey," that again placed them in the front rank of Negro players.

Ada Overton Walker was prominent among the favorites and Rosa Lee Taylor, a sweet voiced, cultivated soprano made her first appearance with this company and pleased acceptably. Jesse Shipp who is stage manager of this company, it can be said, is responsible for improvments all around. Messrs. Vaughn and Rogers have held up the musical department nicely. The song "I May be Crazy but I'm no Fool" declares Bert Williams to have no equal of any race as a Negro comedian; he and George Walker shine brighter this season than ever before.

Avery & Hart are reported to be starring in "Dahomey" also in Europe and under the management of Hurtig & Seamon. Black Patti's Troubadours hold second place in the comedy circle but first honors as singers.

Mme. Sissieretta Jones (Black Patti) who has acquired the art of perfect singing by practical service still heads the list of great sopranos. When we hear another woman who can sing as she did in Madison Square Garden, New York, to make her present enviable reputation then we will be willing to give over the laurels but we haven't heard one yet. I here deny that Mme. Jones has ever sang ragtime coon song. She once sang a Negro ballad and can add it to her credit.

Gus Hill's Smart Set Company in "Southern Enchantment" has returned from Canada where they were out in the woods for practice. They have returned to the scenes of their former triumphs. Miss Marion Smart can treasure the happy thought of having achieved first honors to add to her next seasons chances. There is no use to further review any of these productions, it is only well to advise the players of their essential duty.

H. S. Dudley, who is a good comedian, should try and find time to see a good legitimate comedians work and gain some points to aid him for next season.

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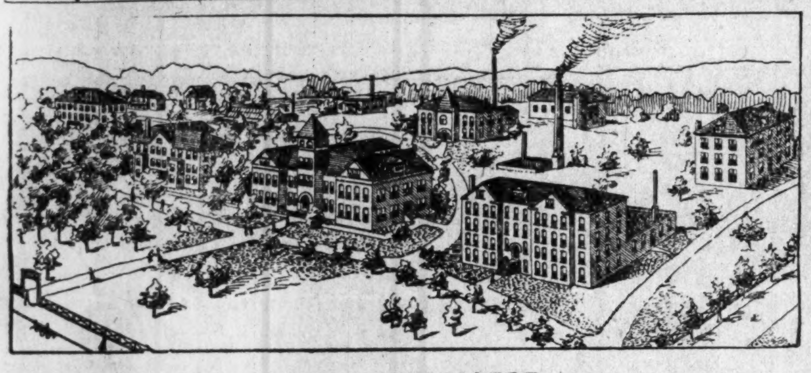
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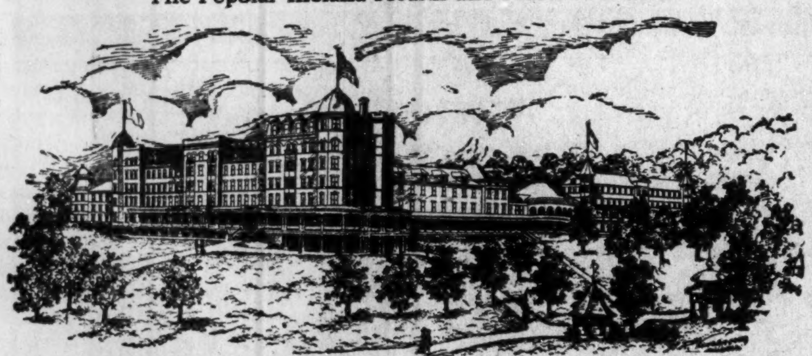
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but to stage a show legitimately, where actors do not preach out of the play up to the gallery is what Green mus learn in comedy. He must also keep to the lines of the authors in comedy and not add a lot of variety stuff that floats up to the ceiling.

A "Trip to Africa," a new comedy which served to introduce John Larkins as a star, was a winner. He is the first new star who produced his play and played his part legitimately. I say this omitting Bailey and Fletcher, two good variety performers who broke in on a scene in the play illegitimately to do their sketch in New York and to strengthen show where it did not need it. They retired from the company at the end of the week. John Larkins who can overshadow John Rucker as a comedy performer has made a hit that will reach Boston and probably disturb Al Anderson or Billy Briggs. Who is Briggs?

"Queen of the Jungles," which served to introduce Mme. Flower, the "Bronze Melba," as a featured star and Robert A. Kelley as a comedian, had a short duration. Kelley, who is a good comedian, was not excused for illegitimate work. Mamie Flower, as we call her in New York, met with better success. Her debut in a speaking part gave operatic promise; as a singer who commands attention she was voted a success.

H. D. Collins, who handled this show, is to take out another one next season.

Clarence Powell has decided not to leave the Georgia minstrels to go in comedy for sometime yet.

Billy Kersands, who is heading his own minstrel company has swore never to attempt comedy again. Powell & Kersands—happy minstrels.

Sidney L Perrin, composer and comedian, and his "Policy Players" I did not see. They shot to far out toward the wilds of Ariz na. Mr. Perrin, whom I have seen work is a good natural actor.

The Ernest Hogan-Henrietta Vinton Davis vaudeville nuptials has not been heard of yet up to date of this writing and Mattie Wilkes has stolen Edna Axexander and gone to Egypt—that is they are singing a coon song by that name and they sing it too!

CHARITY AND THE SOUL.

Charity and its pleadings so very obnoxious to vanity and its children but much respected by all their hearts of hatred, whose doors are closed, is still an existing feature. Having thought first and suggested myself that a music publishing house, run and supported by all the actors as a syndicate to build a home would be a good thing and seeing one established by the prompting of my brain only as a private actor's trust, expecting support of all the weaker actors with no returns for charity I am not in favor of, but all the actors must heartily support the new publishing house as a race duty and with a hope that they will right the wrong is all charity is asking. I stand for charity. The soul stands for itself within us all judging our conscience Calmly and patiently charity is pleading to each soul that the days of criticism may pass. Faith is its messenger, hope is its riding horse. What more beautifies the soul than the good we feel by doing others good who are less fortunate than we ourselves? Why is it that sister love is banished by the enemy of the soul to make room for hovering visions that hate us, destroy our peace and steal our minds away and leave us to wander in the cold, gloomy shadow of uselessness? When will it be that we shall be permitted on earth to enjoy the pleasures of sweet reward that falls upon us for sheltering the weary unfortunates and biding them rest while angels hover o'er us waiting to kiss us and bless us? These are question which call for replies that big actors would rather not answer.

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RACE GLEANINGS.

The question of colored teachers in the mixed schools of Pittsburg and Allegheny is beginning to come up for discussion, and already some feeling has been displayed in the matter. On this side of the river there is at least one young colored lady who has taken the required normal course, and who is in other respects qualified to perform a teachers' duties, while in Allegheny there is at present one colored girl who has taken a high school classical course, and will complete a normal course during the current school year. It has been asserted that objection has already been raised to her getting the usual practical part of her training, which is customary. But this has been denied by one of the school officials.

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No lynching was reported in the United States throughout the month of November. This may not seem very remarkable to many people, but the Chicago Tribune, which keeps a record of this and other crimes of blood as reported in the daily news, says it is the first full calendar month to pass without a lynching since 1885. Mr. Roosevelt may be disposed to claim this as a result of the election, but a few more months of exemption will obviously be required to make it good.—Springfield Republican.

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Booker T. Washington of the Tuskegee Institute is said to have secured option on a large tract of land near Black Duck, Minn., for the purpose of establishing a colony of Southern Negro farmers. The people in the vicinity of Black Duck are trying to head off this movement. Several Negroes have already arrived, and most of one township has been secured.

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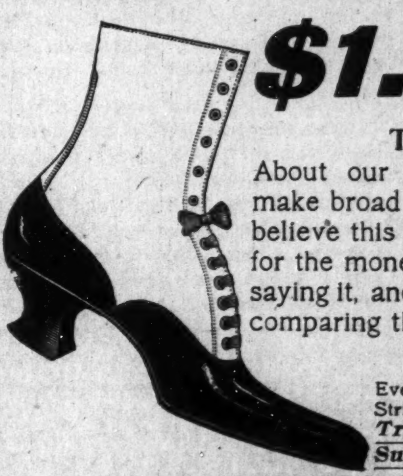
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Sam Scroggins is suffering with a severe attack of la grippe.

Mrs. Ollie Turner, of Anderson is in the city on a business trip.

Mrs. Jacob Porter is ill at her home in North California street.

Henry Smith went to Chicago Wednesday to spend Christmas.

Mr Ezra Roberts and sister Nora will spend Christmas in Kokomo.

The Kenmore club will give a banquet January 3 at Odd Fellows hall.

Mrs. A. H. Henderson has gone to Chicago to be gone two weeks.

Baker Davis of the French Lick hotel came up last week on business.

The novelty dance last night was quite a success and well attended.

Miss Ody Bransford and James Shaw were quietly married Wednesday.

William Lancaster will spend the holidays in St. Louis and Chicago.

James Brock will spend Xmas in Anderson, the guest of Mr. Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are ill at their home in Twelfth street with la grippe.

Ralph Williams of the Big Four parlor car service is taking a much needed rest.

Charles Duncan will spend the holidays in Cincinnati, the guest of his mother.

Fremont Anderson of the Big Four railway system was in the city last Monday.

Miss Minnie Groves and Herendon Cunnigham were quietly married last Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Bell of Louisville was the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. B. Hampton, last Sunday.

Rev. Z. A. Jones, who has been visiting in Winnville, S. C., the past month, is back again.

Mrs. Maud Taylor and little son of Louisville are the guests of her sister, Mrs. S. A. Furniss.

Misses Bertha Williams and Delila Scott will spend Christmas in Chicago, the guest of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dora Valentine of St Louis are the guests of Mrs. Virgin a Emory in Toledo street.

There will be a free dinner given to needy colored children at Bethel A. M E. church Christmas.

Revival meeting will begin at Jones Tabernacle church Sunday January 1 All are cordially invited.

Mr. Thaddeus Jones gave a musicale at Mrs. Sneed's in honor of Irene Collins and Belle P. Coleman.

Miss Mary Childs left on Thursday to visit friends and relatives in Louisville, Danville and Harrodsburg, Ky.

Miss Florida Jones will entertain Misses Collins and Coleman at the residence of Mrs. Dr. Brown next week.

Are you a domestic? If so, kindly recommend the Columbia Catsup to your employer it will give satisfaction.

Mrs. Emma Clay and her niece, Miss Willa Miller, of Danville, spent last Saturday in the city on a shopping tour.

Miss Virgie Smith is going home to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Mary E. Jackson, of Springfield, Illinois.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and daughter of Hopkinsville, Ky., will spend a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jackson in Douglass street.

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Mr. O. E. Duncan, who is again connected with The Freeman, is in the outhern part of the State this week in the interest of the publication.

Wm. E. Scott, who is a student of the Chicago Art Academy, will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs. Edward Scott, of 1110 N. Senate ave.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gee will tender a reception in honor of Mr and Mrs. Wm H. Pierce on Wednesday evening, Dec. 28th, at their home in North Senate avenue.

Miss Edna A. Scott will entertain a few friends Xmas in honor of her brrother, William, who will be home from the Chicago Art Academy to spend the holidays.

There will be a Christmas sermon preached by the pastor at Allen Chapel at 10:45 a. m, Special services at night consisting of songs and solos by the choir. The Sunday-school will have their exercises Monday night, Dec 26.

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Mrs. Virginia Emory has been appointed general superintendent of the deaconess board of Bethel A. M. E. church by Dr. Shaffer. Mrs. Emory will begin her work the first of the year. She is a graduate of Riley Deaconess Training school.

Rev. W. H. Chambers, P. E., will conduct quarterly meeting at the Zion churches on the following dates: Jones Tabernacle December 25; Walters Chapel, January 1; Phoenix Chapel, January 8; Haughville Mission, January 11; Campbell Chapel January 15.

The Columbia Conserve Co, are advertising with us on the presumption that they will receive adequate returns. Each subscriber can help us to show our strength as an advertising medium by placing an order with them. Every little helps to swell the aggregate. All restaurants and hotel men in general please observe.

The residence of Rev. Morris Lewis, 920 North California street, was destroyed by fire last Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock. It is supposed that the fire originated from a flying spark from the chimney. A few household effects were saved. No one was injured. The two children, Zola and Morris, who are ill, were removed in safety. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The house of Mrs. Susan Hilliard was badly scorched.

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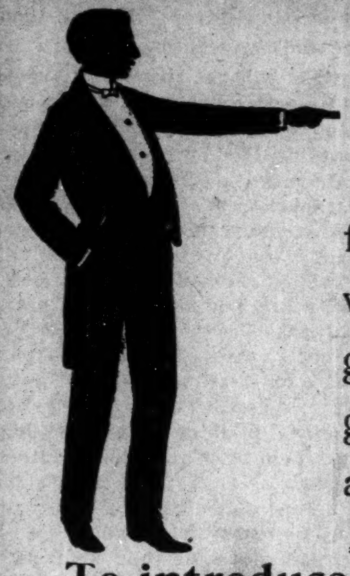

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